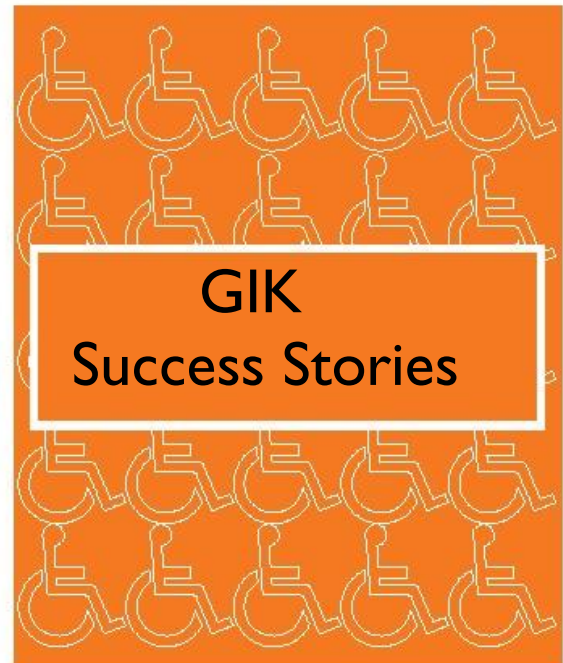


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Hassan Liban, 73 yrs old

In 1981, I developed a wound that affected my entire right leg. After 14 years, the wound had become so septic, that it spread to the bones leading to an amputation.

From 1995 I have been using crutches to support myself. There is not much movement I could do with these crutches, and my wife has been forced to always be around to take care of me.

This wheelchair has given me back my life. I can go wherever I want to go. I have a farm that I can be able to take care of as well as my livestock. Thank you World Vision for this wheelchair.



Hadra Mohamed, 25 yrs old

I was born without legs. For 25 years, I have used my knees and hands to walk and this has caused a lot of injuries on these areas. I had a wheelchair before but it broke and we have never been able to afford fixing or replacing it.

"I was sad for my daughter Hadra as she has not been able to play with her friends. This wheelchair will enable her to play and walk with her friends and even help me with house chores," Says Hadra's mother.

In the future, I want to help people the way I have been helped today

Ahmed Yassin, 5yrs old

"Ahmed was born through congenital amputation. He is also paralyzed on one hand and that means her mobility is limited. He requires a lot of help and support even just to sit-up. This is his first wheelchair, and I know it will change his life. It has been very exhausting for me to have to carry him all the time. Now, I can rest. I am very grateful for this wheelchair," says Ahmed's mother.



Maria Obsiye, 70yrs old

I broke my femur bone in 1986 as I was trying to seek refuge when the war broke out in Somalia. At that time, there was so much unrest that I was not able to get medical attention. I would crawl on the floor to get from place to place. Once in a while, my neighbor would come in to take care of me. Later, my 2 grandchildren stepped in to give me care and help me move around. It has been like this for the last 20 years. Today, I received a wheelchair, my very first wheelchair. Allah has remembered me. I can now move around well, sit up and pray.



Rahma Ahmed Farah, 19yrs old

"Rahma was going up a tree to take a fruit at 9 years old. She had a bad fall that left her paralyzed for the last 10 years. Rahma has not able to go out and play with other children. She hardly goes out of the house. Words cannot describe how happy I am for this wheelchair. She can now go out to play with friends," says her mother.



Abdirahman Abdulahi, 9yrs old

"Abdirahman developed some water in his head a few days after his birth. This was not treated in good time, and it led to loss in mental and physical abilities. We could not afford to take him to a hospital in good time for early diagnosis and timely treatment. In 2007, we were finally able to take him to see a doctor and the water was removed. Unfortunately, his movement had already been impaired. We have had carry him wherever we go, and it has been very exhausting. This is his first wheelchair," Abdirahman's mother explains.

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Mustafa Mohamed, 16yrs old

I am currently a student in grade 8 and even though I was born without feet, my desire is to become a pilot. I have a very supportive family that has taken good care of me. This is my first wheelchair and I am very excited about it because I will now be able to get to school early. I have been using my knees and hands to walk. It would take me so long to get to school but now I will get to school early..

Thank you for thinking of me and giving me this wheelchair. I would like to help other disabled people the way I have been helped.



Ahmed Isman Abdi, 45yrs old

In 2010, I began feeling a sharp pain on my legs. I visited a doctor in Hargeisa and was advised to get specialized medical treatment outside the country but I could not afford that. I just had to continue living with this pain that increased steadily and in 2014 I was completely unable to walk. I was a mechanic in the town but I had to stop working as I lost all feeling in my legs.

My son, Mohamed, has been taking care of me and carrying me around. I am a heavy man so this has not been easy for him. He has been experiencing back pains as a result. This wheel chair has literally changed our lives. Now my son does not have to be burdened with carrying me. I will also be able to get out of the house and socialize. I was mechanic before I got this condition and I want to go back to doing that.



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Abdi Aden, 63yrs old

In 1996, I got a stroke and from then, I have been unable to move my legs. I did not seek medical attention as we were very far from the hospital. The lack of therapy eventually led to limited leg movement. My son has helped me move around and get things done.

I will now be able to go to the market with this wheelchair as I have always sent people to get me things in the market. I will also visit my family members.

Osob Mohamed, 28yrs old

I got TB 9 years ago and visited a hospital but the TB was not detected in good time. It affected my spine leading to back pains and eventually leg paralysis. This was tough for me.

I was a very active woman and it was frustrating that I was now able to do many things. My sister Habib, helped me move when I wanted to go somewhere. Due to this, she had started to develop back pains carrying me around.





Amina Osman, 35yrs old

About 10 years ago, I began feeling some leg numbness. I was able to visit a medical center and was advised to seek further treatment outside the country. I was not able to afford this so I had to go on with my life. The leg numbness eventually led to paralysis in both legs in 2013.

I have been using walls to support myself and move around the house and I got crutches last year. My mother and siblings have also been supporting me and encouraging me. This wheelchair will make a difference. I can easily go outside. I would like to open a shop and sell clothes and fabric.



Shukri Mohamed, 12yrs old

"Shukri had a congenital birth. This is what has led to developmental or physical disabilities. She has never been able to walk or even go out to play with her friends. She stays indoors all day. I have been carrying her around but she is getting heavy. I am grateful for this gift. This will help her to move around and even exercise to prevent sores," explains her mother.



Marwan Muctar, 5yrs old

Marwan was born with congenital anomalies and this has resulted to his disability. He has been using his knees to walk. His mother has been helping him get around I am grateful for this wheelchair. It is his first ever.

This will help him move around easily. Using his knees to walk has also been painful for him. Taking him for hospital visits was tough but with the wheel chair it will be much easier.

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around easily.**

Muse Omar, 38yrs old

I got polio at 4 years old and one day I woke up and was unable to walk. I visited the hospital in Hargeisa. Eventually, my family abandoned me at a disability camp when I was only 10 years and that is where I grew up. I have had a wheelchair before but this one is more flexible than the one I had before.



Kadar Mohamed, 43yrs old

In 1998 I was part of Somalia Nation Military when the war broke out in Somalia. I was hit by 2 bullets- one on my spinal cord and the other on my waist. The government took me to Ethiopia for medical attention and they were able to get bullets out but I have never been able to walk from that day.

I came back home and got married, and my wife has been taking care of me ever since. I got a wheelchair from the hospital a few years back but it wore out and I have not had a wheel chair for a few years now. I feel like I can go anywhere with my new wheelchair. I now want to look for a job to support my family



Baharle Ahmed, 12yrs old

"Baharle was a vibrant boy until 4 months ago when he was diagnosed with Meningitis. The infection caused the tissues around his brain to swell and this interfered with blood flow that led to paralysis. He even went to a comma for 10 days but he came out and has been on medication ever since."

"This has been very tough for Baharle to accept. He was very bitter because he has been an active boy. He had a simple wheelchair but this one will really help him move around and even go out of the house to play with other children. It will make life much easier for him. We are very grateful to World vision for helping our child," says his mother.



Ahmed Mohamed, 47yrs old

I got polio at 2 years old but I didn't visit the hospital until I was 12 years old. It began with muscle weakness. I would limp and eventually this resulted in an inability to move my legs completely. I had to drop out of secondary school in form 2. I felt like I had lost all hope.

Luckily, I got a medical sponsorship for a surgery in Geneva. I went for a year, and came back to visit my family. I was to go back for a second surgery but the war broke out and I lost all my documents. Surviving the way then became everyone's priority and as such I was never ever to go back for the second surgery. I have used crutches for over 25 years now. This is my first wheel chair and I am very happy. I work, as a filing assistant for the Civil Service Commission and this wheelchair will make my work easier. Thank you World Vision for this gift.

Abdihakim Abshir, 28yrs old

I got polio at 10 years Old. My family lives very far from the city so I was only able to take one medical visit. I was given medicine and told to come back but I was not able to. Polio has affected both my feet.

My relatives have been able to help me move around and I also got a wheelchair but it was not easy to move with it as this one. I am very grateful to World Vision for this gift.



